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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Operations, DPS/DCI
THROUGH : Deputy Director, DPS/DCI
SUBJECT : Photographic Coverage, Project CHALICE

1. Herewith is a memorandum from [redacted] requesting CHALICE coverage of a strip of territory around the northern border of Iran. I am also in receipt from OSI a request for coverage of the Komandorskiy Islands about which I understand [redacted] is informed.

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2. I believe the former coverage could be obtained by a carefully planned peripheral mission and would appreciate your comments as to the difficulty, if any, involved in so doing. Unless it would be impossible to get the pilot clear landmarks so as to minimize the risk of a penetration or unless for other reasons this would involve risk or serious inconvenience, I believe we should fill [redacted] requirement.

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3. As to the OSI request, this would involve overflight and would require at least informal White House clearance. I am indisposed to seek clearance for this mission unless the requirement has greater urgency than I infer from Mr. Lampshire's memorandum to me. Moreover, it would appear far easier to obtain this coverage in the course of a ferry flight than at any other time and it is too late to attempt to do so on the ferry operation currently in progress. It would appear to me, therefore, that we cannot meet this requirement in the immediate future unless either (a) it has more urgency than I realize and has support from other ARC members in addition to OSI, or (b) you have some suggestion as to how it might be accomplished.

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